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REMARKS

Claims 1-50 are pending in the application. Claims 1-50 are subject to restriction or election. Claims 32-43, 45, and 46 are canceled herein without prejudice. No new material is added by the amendments herein.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Invention I: Claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50, drawn to a method for thermal coagulation, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

Invention II: Claims 32-43, 45, and 46, drawn to a coagulation/ablation system, classified in class 606, subclass 050.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Invention I and claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50 with traverse. Applicants herein cancel claims 32-43, 45, and 46 from consideration without prejudice.

The Examiner states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: Figure 1; Figures 2-4C, 9, 12, and 13; Figures 5A-5C; Figures 6A-6C; Figure 7; Figure 8; Figure 10; Figure 11; Figure 14; Figure 15; Figure 16; Figure 17; Figure 18; Figure 19; Figure 20; Figure 21; Figure 22; Figure 23; Figure 24.

Applicants elect the species of Figure 14, and claims 1-31, 44, and 47-50, drawn to a method for thermal coagulation, read on the species of Figure 14.

If in the opinion of Examiner Peffley a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, or if there are any issues that remain to be resolved prior to allowance of the claims, Examiner Peffley is encouraged to call Rick Gregory at (408) 342-1900.

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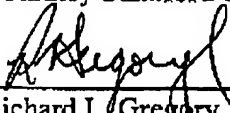
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